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1. The Voldrag plant which is located at 1214 Strada Rocilor in the Bucharest suburb Voivodul Mihai [redacted] This plant was constructed in 1937. It was intact and in operation during the fall of 1947. [redacted] this installation was operating under new ownership. It had been purchased by the Beton Monier Corporation. During the period from 1939 to 1944 Voldrag produced such items as: antitank mines, sirens, steel parts for oil tanks, wire hangers for telephone cable, and metal parts for military barracks.

2. When World War II ended, Voldrag was engaged in the repair of Soviet tractors which had been captured by Rumanian troops on the Western front. In fact, in 1946, 60 USSR tractors were repaired -- reconditioned thoroughly. The captured tractors were in such need of repair that [redacted] this plant actually built Soviet-type tractors rather than repaired them as stated above.

3. In 1947 when the Rumanian Government began to nationalize Rumanian industries, the owner of Voldrag, [redacted] sold the entire layout to Beton Monier Corporation for US\$60 thousand. [redacted] estimated that in US dollars the equipment and building were worth approximately two and one-half million dollars. The machinery, as of 1947, was in excellent condition and modern. [redacted]

[redacted] the Rumanian Government acquired the following machinery when it took over Voldrag:

a. 12 punch presses which varied in sizes from 6 to 150 tons

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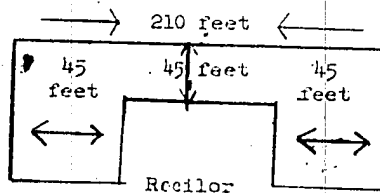
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- b. 12 lathes which varied in sizes from 36 to 72 inches  
(One of these was a plane lathe with a 36-inch diameter)
- c. 20 drill presses ranging in sizes up to 30 millimeters
- d. 2 power brakes
- e. 3 milling machines  
(One of these was a horizontal Milwaukee machine and the other two were of German make with vertical heads)
- f. A foundry with three furnaces  
(One was a vertical furnace for cast iron, one was a horizontal rotating furnace for non-ferrous metals, and the third was a pot (graphite cauldron) for non-ferrous metals)
- g. Cadmium plating equipment with three 10-foot tanks
- h. A complete outlay of tooling equipment for sheet metal  
(Used for anti-tank work)
- i. A complete section of tool and die makers

4.



- a. Voldrag, as depicted above, is a one-story brick building with sheet metal roofing. During World War II this small factory worked 300 employees at one time. There were sufficient tools for at least another 100 workers. Since Voldrag is surrounded by other buildings, it is impossible to enlarge this installation unless the Rumanian Government should decide to remove adjacent installations. In my estimation, although Voldrag is not a very large plant, it is important because:
  - (1) The equipment is modern since it is of US and German manufacture.
  - (2) With very little difficulty it could be refitted and become an excellent precision instrument concern or, if utilized as is, the plant could turn out considerable quantities of mines, antitank mines, or even tanks.

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